Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:
(*a*) No.
(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT—MATTANCHERI

186. Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) whether proposals for the improvement of the town of Mattancheri by the Committee constituted for the same have been received;
(*b*) if so, whether any steps have been taken to implement the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:
(*a*) and (*b*) The proposals are being drawn up by the Committee.

VYPEEN SHORE

187. Mr. K. A. Raghavan *(Nominated)*:
താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) വയപീൻ കരയെ എറണാകുളത്തോട ബന്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പദ്ധതിയെപ്പററി കഴിഞ്ഞ നിയമസഭയിൽ പ്രതിപാദിച്ച സംഗതിയിൽ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവമ്മേണ്ട എതെങ്കിലും വിധത്തിൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും തുരംഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) വയപീൻ കരയിലുള്ള അനേകായിരം ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഗതാഗതസൌകര്യത്തിനായി വയപ് പള്ളിപ്പുറം റോഡ് വാഹന സൌകര്യമുള്ളതാക്കി തീക്കുന്നകാര്യത്തിൽ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവമ്മേണ്ട് എന്തെങ്കിലും പ്രാരംഭജോലികൾ തുടങ്ങിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:
(എ) ഉവ്., ഒരു സ്കീം തയ്യാറാക്കിവരുന്നുണ്ട്.
(ബി) ഉവ്., റോഡിനുവേണ്ട സ്ഥലം അകപയർ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു നടപടികൾ എടുത്തുവരുന്നുണ്ട്.

WATER SCARCITY—AYLUR

188. Mr. K. Natarajan Chettiar *(Nemmara)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
is not scarcity of water being felt at Aylur in the Summer, though there is a pumping station?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:
Yes. The possibility of improving the supply is being investigated.

PARAKADAVU QUARRY—WORKERS ENGAGED IN

189. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) how many workers are there engaged in the Parakadavu quarry now worked by the P. W. D. in southern division;
(*b*) how many boats have they engaged;
(*c*) from what date did they begin the work in the quarry;
(*d*) what was the rate of wages paid to workers (show separately for men, women, and children in 1120);
(*e*) what is the rate of wages now paid;
(*f*) has any reductions been made in the wages; if so, from what dates, what is the reason for the same;
(*g*) what was the rate given to boatmen per boat load of granite in 1120;
(*h*) has any reduction in the rate been made afterwards; if so how much and why;
(*i*) what was the average number of workers engaged in last year per day in the quarry;
(*j*) what was the number of boatmen engaged last year;
(*k*) what is the number new items (*i*) and (*j*)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:
(*a*) On an average 250 workers are working in the quarry now.
(*b*) 53 boats at present.
(*c*) From Karkadagam 1119.

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(*d*) Drillers from Rs. 1— 8—0 to 1—14—0.
Hammer man „ 1— 8—0 to 1—14—0.
Male coolies „ 0—12—0 to 1— 6—0.
Female „ „ 0— 9—0 to 0—11—6.
Boys „ „ 0— 6—0 to 0— 9—0.
(*e*) Drillers „ 1— 7—0 to 1—12—0.
Hammer man „ 1— 8—0 to 1—12—0.
Male coolies „ 0—12—0 to 1— 4—0.
Female „ „ 0— 9—0 to 0—11—6.
Boys „ „ 0— 6—0 to 0— 9—0.

(*f*) Yes. From 1st Kanni 1121 a reduction of 1 to 2 annas has been made in the wages of some of the workers. Due to the better condition of labour consequent on the release of labourers from Harbour etc., it was found possible to reduce the wages of labourers.

(*g*) To Manasseri and Andikadavu at Rs. 2—0—0 per ton load.
To Chakarachal sluice at Chellanam at Rs. 2—8—0 do.

(*h*) Granite stones are not being transported in 1121 to the places mentioned above. A rate of Rs. 2—8—0 per ton load was paid from 11th Chingam 1121 to 30th Chingam 1121 for transportation of rubble to (Chellanam Ganapathikad). This rate has been reduced to Rs. 2 from 1st Kanni 1121 as several boat-men thrown out from Kakanad quarries offered to do the work at the above rates.

(*i*) The average No. of workmen engaged in 1120 is 130 per day.

(*j*) 64.

(*k*) Workmen 250 per day; Boatmen 91 per day.

ALWAYE WATER TO MATTANCHERI

190. Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
what further steps have been taken to augment the supply of Alwaye Water to Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*
In order to augment the supply of water to Mattancheri etc., places, the work of duplication of the 12″ pipe line has been taken up and the work is progressing.

EDACOCHY FERRY JETTY

191. Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) whether the proposed reconstruction of the Edacochin Ferry Jetty has been started;
(*b*) if not, why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*
(*a*) An estimate for reconstructing the Jetty has been sanctioned.
(*b*) The work will be commenced soon.

WORK SUPERINTENDENTS—SCALE OF PAY

192. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) whether Work Superintendents' scale of pay has been revised;
(*b*) what is their scale of pay before and after revision;
(*c*) what is the scale of pay of school final hands appointed as clerks;
(*d*) are not the Work Superintendents, school final hands with technical qualifications?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Before the revision there were 2 posts on Rs. 40-4-60 and 19 posts on Rs. 25-3-40 and after the revision there are 7 posts on Rs. 40-2-60 and 14 posts on Rs. 25-1-40.
(*c*) School finals when appointed as clerks are ordinarily eligible for the grades on Rs. 15-1-20, 20-1-25- 25-3-40 and 40-4-60.
(*d*) School final qualification is not obligatory under Standing Orders.

HIGH SCHOOL—VADAKKANCHERI—DUST NUISANCE

193. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cherathuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state—
(*a*) if they are aware of the dust nuisance to children of the Boys' High School, Vadakkancheri from the public road;
(*b*) the reasons for the same and the remedy if any that is adopted?

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